

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: July 9, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *07/09/12 Council Packet* – Please note that the second page of the Assistant Attorney General opinion letter that appears as part of agenda [item #14](#) in your 7/9/12 meeting packet was missing. The [missing page](#) has been posted online as a supplemental item and the full letter has been copied and distributed to the Council tonight.
- *Independent/Assisted Living Project* – As requested by Council, staff is planning to provide Council and the community with an update regarding Masonicare's planned independent/assisted living facility. Let's discuss when it would make the most sense to schedule the update on the Council's agenda.
- *UConn Technology Park* – Based on questions that I have received from Councilors and community members, I think it would be helpful to place a discussion of the UConn Technology Park on a future Council agenda. Please let me know if you concur with this suggestion.
- *Water Workshop* – At 6:00 PM on July 12, 2012, the Mansfield Town Council will host a workshop on water supply issues. The workshop will be held in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Topics for discussion include the regulation of public water supply, water quality, aquifer protection, land use and governance, as well as related subjects. State and local regulatory officials will conduct the presentations on these topics, and the session will feature a question and answer period. Members of the public and town officials and committee members are encouraged to attend.

Departmental Reports

- *Town Manager's Office* – I would like to comment on the recent passing of Richard "Dick" Pellegrine. Dick served on the Town Council and was a long-time volunteer member of the Mansfield Fire Department. He also served the town in many other capacities. He was very passionate about Mansfield and had a great sense of humor and wit. We will certainly miss Dick and I extend my condolences to his family and friends.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center*
 - *Construction Update* – While work on Phase 1A continues, the construction of Phase 1B has begun. Phase 1B will consist of one mixed-use building located adjacent to the parking garage. The upper floors will be occupied by The Oaks on the Square (rental apartments), and the first floor will have commercial spaces. The building is planned to open in August 2013. The realignment of Dog Lane is proceeding with utilities work continuing. Once finished, Dog Lane will intersect with Storrs Road (Route 195) north of its current intersection. The construction of the new sidewalks and curbing along the existing portion of Dog Lane is currently underway. Dog Lane remains closed to through traffic. Local traffic to businesses and residences may experience delays due to the on-going work. Interior work on the upper floors has progressed steadily while the exteriors are receiving finishing touches. Work on the parking garage is also continuing. Phase 1A, specifically the parking garage, 1 Dog Lane, and 9 Dog Lane, is set to open in mid-August. While every effort is being made to manage traffic flow, there may be delays as the construction vehicles navigate the site. Please remember to drive slowly through the construction area and to maintain a safe distance between yourself and oversized vehicles. The Partnership

continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.

- *UConn Main Accumulation Area (MAA) (aka Hazardous Materials Storage Area)*
 - UConn has established a siting advisory committee to assist in the initial identification and evaluation of alternative sites for the Main Accumulation Area (MAA), also known as the hazardous materials storage facility. The committee is working with UConn staff and the consultant for the EIE to identify up to five alternate sites for the MAA. Each of the alternate sites and the current location will then be evaluated and ranked according to criteria established by the committee based on criteria used in past siting studies. The goal is to identify a preferred site and one to two alternatives by early fall that will then be more fully evaluated as part of the formal Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Dave Dagon, Fire Chief, and Bill Lennon, town resident, are representing the town on the advisory committee.

Member Organizations

- *Windham Region Chamber of Commerce* – I recently attended a meeting of the Mansfield Business and Professional Association (MBPA) as well as a Windham Chamber of Commerce event featuring a presentation by LT Governor Wyman. Both chamber-sponsored events were well-attended and informative, and I would like to acknowledge the Windham Chamber for its work on behalf of our community.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board, July 10, 2012, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Agriculture Committee, July 10, 2012, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children Executive Council, July 11, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, July 11, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, July 12, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, July 13, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, July 16, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, July 16, 2012, Time TBD, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, July 16, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Service Advisory Committee, July 18, 2012, 2:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, July 18, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, July 18, 2012, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, July 12, 2012, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, July 23, 2012, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*